

thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

[NOTE.—S. J. R. No. 7 passed the Senate by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, yeas 28, nays 0; and passed the House of Representatives by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, yeas 105, nays 0.]

Approved February 5, 1919.

PROVIDING THAT THE STATE MAY LEND ITS CREDIT TO
HEADS OF FAMILIES TO PROVIDE OR IMPROVE
THEIR HOMES.

H. J. R. No. 19.] HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION.

To amend Section 50, Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas to provide that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend or authorize the giving or lending of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire or improve their homes; authorizing the State to acquire, improve, sell or lease real estate or assist such citizens to acquire or improve their homes upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Legislature; authorizing the Legislature to create such agencies as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Section; providing that obligations created under this Section shall never be taxed; and providing that the Legislature shall have authority to provide a method of securing any deferred payments for lands purchased hereunder, and that such obligations shall be secured in addition to the usual liens by an annual assessment collected as a tax against the land; and providing that the Legislature shall have no power to relieve any person from any obligation entered into under this provision or any statute enacted thereunder, and providing for the classification of lands acquired under this Act and limiting acreage sold to any one person where lands are classed as agricultural.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. That Section 50 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended that the same will read and hereafter be as follows:

Section 50. The Legislature shall have no power to give or to lend, or to authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the state in aid of or to any person, association, or corporation, whether municipal or other, or to pledge the credit of the State in any manner whatsoever, for the payment of the liabilities, present or prospective, of any individual, association of individuals, municipal or other corporation, whatsoever, except that the Legislature shall have the power to give or to lend, or to authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting native born or naturalized citizens who are heads of families and who will become in good faith actual occupants, to acquire or improve their homes; and for this purpose the state is authorized to acquire, improve, sell or lease real estate or assist such citizens to acquire or improve their homes upon such terms and conditions and in such manner and subject to such limitations as the Legislature may from time to time prescribe. Provided that no land shall

be acquired by the State under the terms of this amendment to the Constitution, until the said lands are examined, and the value of said lands is appraised and ascertained as to its actual value for agricultural purposes, by a commission hereby authorized composed of The Governor, Attorney General, Land Commissioner, Comptroller of Public Accounts and the State Treasurer; and their report shall be available to all prospective land purchasers. The Legislature shall have authority to create by law such agencies as may be deemed necessary to effect the purposes of this act. Obligations created under this Section shall never be taxed, and the Legislature shall have authority to provide a method of securing deferred payments for lands purchased hereunder, and in addition to the usual liens may secure the same by an annual assessment collected as a tax against the land; provided, however, the Legislature shall have no power to relieve any person from any obligation entered into with the State under this provision or any statute enacted hereunder. The terms of this act shall not apply, or be extended to any person who is not a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas and who has not been such citizen at least two years prior to the extension of such aid, nor shall the terms of this act ever be applied to any lands outside of the State of Texas. Provided further that all land acquired by the state under the provisions of this Section for which the State may lend its credit, shall be classified as agricultural lands or otherwise and if classified as agricultural lands, then no more than 200 acres shall be sold to any one person under the provisions herein.

SEC. 2. The foregoing Constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas at an election to be held throughout the State on the 24th day of May A. D. 1919, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words; "For the amendment to Section 50 Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend or authorize the giving or lending of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire or improve their homes," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment to Section 50 Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend or authorize the giving or lending of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire or improve their homes."

SEC. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

SEC. 4. That the sum of \$5000.00 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

[NOTE.—H. J. R. No. 19 passed the House of Representatives by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, yeas 110, nays 11; and passed the Senate with amendments by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, yeas 22, nays 1; the House concurred in the Senate amendments by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote, yeas 105, nays 2.]

Approved February 14, 1919.